



MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Meeting
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
September 16, 2024
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Sandra Vincent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The City Clerk called roll for the meeting, as follows:

Mayor Sandra Vincent	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Kamali Varner	Present
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Present
Councilmember Darryl Payton	Present
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present

Others in attendance: City Administrator, Steve Morgan; City Attorney, Emilia Walker; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Deputy City Administrator, Andrew Baker; Community Development Director, Sylvia Smith; Human Resources Director, LaTangela Hill; Interim Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; Parks Director, Brandon Williams; Public Works Director, William VonDenBosch; and Technology Services Director, Brian Linton.

Councilmember Stewart gave the Invocation; and Councilmember Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a request for consideration and approval of the TEFRA Resolutions for the additional supplemental bonds for Promenade and Willow Place; a vote to defer Title 17 revisions to October 21, 2024; and the Proclamation Honoring J Holman House in Recognition of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Councilmember Reeves made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions as stated, and Mayor Pro Tem Varner seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

The City Clerk sounded the Consent Agenda, as follows:

6A. Public Works – Water/Sewer

William VonDenBosch, Director

Request for approval to purchase 100 (one hundred) $\frac{3}{4}$ Neptune Water Meters with antennas from Delta Municipal Company, at a cost of \$26,500.00. Funding Source: Line Item - 505-5.4440.53.1732

6B. Approval of the September 5, 2024, City Council Workshop Minutes

Councilmember Burt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Public Comments:

1. Jane and David Roberts, recent crime in City Square
2. Dorothy Smith – significant water bill increases at The Willows at Willow Place
3. Tonea Holmes – increase in water bills at Willow Place
4. Morelle McCrary – McDonough Main Street Bespoke Landscaping Plan

Mayor Vincent stated that the following Proclamations were issued by the City of McDonough:
Georgia Reads Proclamation
Recognizing the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)

The Governing Body presented the Proclamation Honoring J Holman House in Recognition of Suicide Prevention Month to the parents of Jermaine Holman.

Parks Director, Brandon Williams presented the request for approval to solicit bids for the square landscape installation (Bespoke Plan). Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to approve the solicitation of bids for the square landscape installation, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

City Administrator, Steve Morgan presented the request for approval of an agreement for utility relocation assistance for the dual roundabouts on Hwy 20 at McGarity Road and Lawrenceville Street, to be paid in an 80/20 split between the City of McDonough and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), as follows: City of McDonough will pay \$1,240,292.00, and GDOT will pay \$310,073.00, for total project costs of \$1,550,365.00. He identified the funding source for the project as TSPLOST 335-5.4210.54.1407. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to approve the agreement for utility relocation assistance for the dual roundabouts, as presented; and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent presented the request for approval of the TEFRA Resolutions for the additional supplemental bonds for The Promenade and Willow Place. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the TEFRA Resolutions for The Promenade and Willow Place; and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent noted that in response to the concerns expressed from residents of Willow Place earlier in the meeting, a discussion regarding those concerns would be added to the October 3, 2024, City Council Workshop Agenda.

Mayor Vincent presented the request for a vote to defer Title 17 revisions to October 21, 2024. Councilmember Reeves made a motion to defer the Title 17 revisions to October 21, 2024; and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

City Administrator Morgan presented the request for the approval of a one-year agreement with Print Charming to print 450 newsletters per month, at a cost of \$24,300.00, to be paid in four installments of \$6,075.00. He identified the funding source as Line Item – 110-5.1110.52.3400.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to approve the one-year agreement with Print Charming as stated, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mr. Morgan presented the request for approval of a line-item adjustment to reallocate \$330,000.00 from ARPA 230-5.1110.54.1203 (Housing Rehabilitation), to ARPA Line Item 230-5.4420.54.1213 (Water/Sewer).

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the line-item adjustment to reallocate \$330,000.00 from ARPA (Housing Rehabilitation) to ARPA (Water/Sewer), as stated; and Mayor Pro Tem Varner seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mr. Morgan presented the request for approval of the Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT) proposal for Phase 2 of the Blacksville Community Improvements Project, at a cost of \$328,470.00. He identified the funding source for the project as 230-5.5540.54.1213 (Water/Sewer). Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to approve the JMT proposal for Phase 2 of the Blacksville Community Improvements Project; and Mayor Pro Tem Varner seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Community Development Director, Sylvia Smith offered that the Applicant in case 240205, for Lake Dow Self Storage had consented to a deferral of the case to a future date. The Applicant, Mr. Steve Moore offered his consent to defer the case on the record in the meeting. Case 240205 was deferred and will be readvertised to a future date.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to go into Executive Session for Litigation O.C.G.A. 50-14-2; Real Estate O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(1); and Personnel O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2). Councilmember Stewart made a motion to go into Executive Session as stated, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to go back into Regular Session, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Thomas was not present for the vote.

There were no action items to report.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Christy L. Taylor, CMC
City Clerk

OPEN MEETINGS COMPLIANCE NOTICE: This is a regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council of the City of McDonough duly noticed pursuant to the requirements of the Georgia Open Meetings Law (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1, et seq). Notice of the meeting schedule was published in the *Henry Herald* on December 02, 2023; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.